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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shea, Bonadio, Peters and Mooney

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Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Kaushal, S.

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AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION DATED OCTOBER 03, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. A response to the First Official Action dated October 03, 2002 ("the Action") is also submitted, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks therein. The response confirms allowance of all claims, and re-examination and reconsideration is respectfully requested on this basis. The response is timely filed without an extension or fee.